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TO : Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

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FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - March 1951

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1. The survey of non-Russian language Soviet provincial newspapers has been completed. A statistical analysis is being prepared. Tentative conclusions: [redacted] press appear worthy of further exploitation; that from other areas provides considerable "local" news of little intelligence value.

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2. Tadzhik was added to the Division's language capabilities.

3. Twenty-seven guide-type requirements from the former O/RE were cancelled. In their stead, O/RR¹ furnish a "Reading List" and a list of detailed information requirements.

4. A compilation of Department of State guide-type requirements was prepared for review, revision and amendment by the requestor.

5. A list of publications received by FDD, arranged by countries, was in preparation for wide dissemination as an aid to agencies preparing exploitation requirements.

6. At request of Department of State a report on "The Treatment of the Tito Issue in the Chinese Communist Press" was prepared in 10 working days. About 700 copies of [redacted] representative newspapers were screened for this report.

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7. A "Handbook of North Korean Army Symbols" was enthusiastically received by the Army which intends to use the material for training.

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8. At the invitation of USAF, the financial and operational responsibility for exploitation of [redacted] documents has been released to the Air Force.

9. Recommendations to ensure FDD of more adequate allocation of USSR newspapers and periodicals through US Embassy Moscow, and alternate sources, were submitted to Department of State.

10. Twenty-two issues of three USSR military periodicals, two of which had not been available since 1945, were received for retention from [redacted]

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11. Special source procurement brought 847 issues of USSR and Eastern European newspapers, including and USSR provincial publications.

12. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions



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